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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER RULE 1.56

Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Applicants wish to make of record the following documents (Form PTO-1449 is enclosed). Copies of these documents are not being submitted herewith, because each was made of record in Parent Application Serial No. 09/448,356, filed November 23, 1999, to which the present application claims benefit under 35 USC §120. See, 37 CFR 1.98(d).

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- C1 Weststrate, et al., "Plant sterol-enriched margarines and reduction of plasma total-and LDL-cholesterol concentrations in normocholesterolaemic and mildly hypercholesterolaemic subjects," European Journal of Clinical Nutrition, Vol. 52, pp. 334-343 (1998)
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- C4 Yanagita, et al., "Cholesterol-lowering effect of Agemaki, a kind of shellfish, in mice," J. Nutr. Sci. Vitaminol., Vol. 37, pp. 313-318 (1991)
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- C6 Ling, et al., "Dietary phytosterols: a review of metabolism, benefits and side effects," <u>Life Sciences</u>, Vol. 57, No. 3, pp. 195-206 (1995)
- C7 Derwent English language abstract of DE 197 50 422 C1 (document B5)
- C8 Eugster, et al., (CA 120: 245603, Abstract of CH 681891)
- C9 Shimada, et al., "Enzymatic Synthesis of Steryl Esters of Polyunsaturated Fatty Acids," JAOCS, Vol. 76, No. 6, pp. 713-716 (1999)

Applicants request that these documents be considered by the Examiner before issuance of a first office action on the merits and made of record in this file. The Examiner is also asked to initial and return a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449 form to evidence such consideration.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed in accordance with the following provisions:

[x] CFR § 1.97(b)(1) Within three months of the filing date of the national application. No fee is required.

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